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From The President

As I write my last President's Page, I suddenly realize that a year has passed by very rapidly and that all the things we had planned to accomplish are not done. This feeling has probably been shared by others before me, and I do not view the situation with alarm. We have a fine, strong Association which in the final analysis derives its strength from the individual membership. The officers are your spokesmen, but the real work in the Association is accomplished by the committees, sections and the districts who over the years have given so unstintingly of their time and talents. As I quickly review the year, I realize any success we have enjoyed is due entirely to the efforts of the people who have worked so willingly and effectively for the Association. Take the time to read the reports of the committees and sections in this issue. They have all done an excellent job. I should like to thank especially the Legislative Chairman, Joe Kimbrough, and the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Kathleen B. Stebbins for jobs well done. The Association's operations should be improved if the membership accepts the recommendations of the Planning Committee regarding the committees. They studied four of the Association committees and I hope subsequent Planning Committees will continue the project.

A special vote of thanks for a tremendous task goes to Helen Warner and the members of her Special Committee to Study Library Laws. These people met frequently and wrestled with the problem of "What is good for Michigan libraries?" without any thought of self interest. The report which they submitted to the Executive Board forms the basis for a "Statement

of Position" which has been agreed upon by representatives of the Association and the State Board for Libraries. To keep you abreast of developments, the Association has sent a brief statement to all Constitutional Convention nominees. A fuller statement of our needs has been sent the MLA membership. This more complete statement will be sent to the delegates after the September election, together with some background materials which will also be sent to the membership. Harold Martelle is the Legislative Chairman who will be working with both the Legislature and the Constitutional Convention delegates. We have great confidence in him, but I am sure he will need all the help he can get from each individual member, both librarian and trustee. Contacting delegates and legislators is NOT a one man, or a one committee job. It IS a job for all of us. If we have had disappointments in the past concerning legislation and appropriations this is not the fault of the Legislative Committee. It is the fault of those who were not sufficiently interested to contact their legislators. The disappointments will be repeated at Con Con time unless we do something about it. Contact your delegate and report his attitudes to Harold Martelle. He and his committee cannot finish what you don't start. What we got or don't get in the Constitution can affect the development of libraries in the State for many years to come. If the job is done well now, perhaps we can take it a little easier with the Legislature in years to come. I hate to think what will happen if we don't meet the challenge now!

To bring you up to date. A letter received from Mr. Harvey Sherwood,

chairman, State Board for Libraries informed me that a decision concerning the appointment of the new state librarian would be made sometime in October.

The Annual Conference program is included in this issue, together with a registration form which we hope you will send in promptly. Two of the programs on Wednesday are sponsored by the Trustee Section, but the subjects covered apply to all who are interested in library development. *We hope the heads of libraries will make it their personal responsibility to invite their trustees to attend the entire conference and bring them to the Wednesday meetings.* On Wednesday evening Harold Hacker, Director of the Rochester New York Public Library will report on New York's experience with a state plan. The Michigan State-wide Plan is still very much alive. Come and hear how the plan works in New York as it affects the individual library.

Thursday morning will be devoted to Audio-Visual workshops and a report of the Special Committee to Study Library Laws. The Association has to face the problem of the constitution. This is your opportunity to hear what we are doing, why we are doing it and you can tell us your opinions. Thursday afternoon the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Library Administration Section are sponsoring a meeting on Intellectual Freedom which affects all of us. Dr. Maurice Mitchell, an excellent speaker and an authority on education will be the Banquet speaker. He will talk on the Revolution in Education.

On Friday morning, the Adult Education Section is sponsoring a meeting on "Dynamic Reading." You can see people read at fantastic rates of speed and ponder over what this method could do for you and do to your libraries. A reading improvement authority will also be on the program commenting on reading improvement and the dynamic reading method. Generally proponents of these two different methods of reading do not agree to be on the same program. Costs seem to be one of the big problems concerning the State-wide Plan. The Technical Services Section will sponsor a general session dealing with this problem in the afternoon. Ohio has been exploring the idea of a State-wide Library card and Governor Swainson has shown great interest in this

idea. On Friday evening, Walter Brahm, Ohio State Librarian will report on the developments in Ohio.

On Saturday morning you will have the opportunity to see the most expensive and unique program ever staged by any state library association. You will see it only because companies are donating equipment and technical assistance. The program concerns itself with an idea that has great implications for all libraries throughout the state-closed circuit television. You will have an opportunity to see an actual demonstration originating from departments in the Detroit Public Library. This idea of television is now under consideration by the schools and many state departments. Dr. Tintera, who has planned this program, can tell you how libraries may also benefit. The Conference Luncheon, sponsored by the School and Children's Section will have Arna Bontemps prize winning author and Fisk University Librarian as the speaker.

Leo Dinnan, Conference Chairman has planned what we feel is a well rounded program covering many important subjects. Each day's program is important in its own right. I hope librarians and trustees will be able to attend all four days of the Conference. I am deeply indebted to Leo Dinnan for the businesslike way in which he has done all of the planning.

The past year had brought some problems which I had not anticipated. As your spokesman, I hope I had done or said what the majority of you wanted done. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Association and thankful for the friendships which I made during the past two years. They more than make up for the long days and the interruptions in office routines.

I would like to thank each member of the Executive Board for their help and counsel. I want to thank especially, our part time Executive Secretary and my full time friend, Evelyn Tintera. Her enthusiasm for libraries and her willingness to help all our members continue to amaze me.

To my successor, Ransom Richardson, go my best wishes for a most successful year. May the Membership make all his plans for the Association accomplished facts.

Robert W. Armstrong

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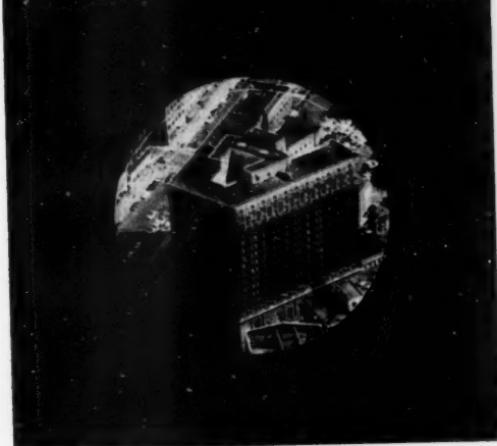
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MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1961

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| 8:30 a.m.— 8:00 p.m. | Registration—Mezzanine
Exhibits—Ballroom Floor | 8:30 |
| 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. | Trustee Workshop—"Library Policy—The Trustee's Responsibility"—Wayne Room
Chairman: Mrs. Henry Steffens
Speakers: Mrs. Weldon Lynch, President of American Library Trustee Association, "The Why and How of Library Policies."
Miss Louise Rees, Head of Consultant Division, Michigan State Library, "The Legal Framework of Michigan's Public Libraries."
Work Groups on How to Prepare Library Policies, set up by types of libraries. | 8:00 |
| 12:00 noon—2:00 p.m. | Trustee Luncheon and Business Meeting—Bagley Room | 8:00 |
| 2:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. | General Session (Sponsored by the Trustee Section)—Wayne Room
Speaker: Mrs. Weldon Lynch, President, American Library Trustee Association, "Guidelines for Libraries in the Political Environment." | 8:00 |



MRS. WELDON LYNCH was the moving force behind the establishment of the Oakdale Louisiana Public Library and the Allen Parish Library. In 1961, Mrs. Lynch was honored with the Modisette Award for Trustees as the outstanding library board member in Louisiana and has served as chairman of the Trustees' Section of the ALA. She was educated at Maryville College in Tennessee, and presents monodramas based on current best sellers before audiences ranging from club groups and churches to universities. Mrs. Lynch is the mother of two daughters and the wife of Dr. Weldon Lynch who has graciously given her his quail house for an office.

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| 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. | Audio-Visual Film Showing—Bagley Room
Chairman: Doris McLeod, Detroit Public Films: UNIVERSE (28 min.), RUSSIA (24 min.) | 8:30 |
| 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. | Friends of the Library Roundtable (sponsored by the friends of the Library Committee)—Ivory Room
Introduction: Robert M. Orr, Director, Grosse Pointe Public Libraries
Speakers: Mr. Lee Crooks, Past President, Friends of the Library, Grosse Pointe Public
Mrs. William Pankin, President, Friends of the Oak Park Public Library
Resource People: Miss Mabel L. Conat, Ex. Secy., Friends of the Detroit Public Library; Mrs. Marion Ingram, Consultant, Michigan State Library and Ex. Secy., Michigan Council for Better | 10:30 |

Libraries; Robert M. Orr, Director, Grosse Pointe Public Libraries
 Summary: "Looking Forward", Robert M. Orr

4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. A.L.A. National Library Week Committee—Wayne Room

Speaker: Virginia Mathews, Associate Director of National Library Week

8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. General Session—Wayne Room

Speaker: Harold S. Hacker, Director of the Rochester, New York Public Library and former Vice-Chairman of the Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service in New York State and member of the Governor's Committee on Library Aid. "A Report on New York's Experience with a State Plan."



HAROLD S. HACKER. Presently Director of the Rochester, New York and Monroe County Library Systems, and formerly Director of the Grosvenor Library and First Deputy Director of the Erie County Public Library. A graduate of the University of Buffalo Library School in 1941, Mr. Hacker has spent all of his professional life in New York and has been in on the New York experiment in regional libraries from its very beginning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1961

8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m. Registration—Mezzanine
 Exhibits—Ballroom Floor

8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Audio-Visual Workshops—Bagley Room

1. "Films and Film Programs"

Chairman: Renwick Garypie (Wayne County)

Resource Persons: Gertrude Allen (Flint)

Mary Jo Brennan (Port Huron)

Richard Burgess (Highland Park)

William T. Peters (Detroit)

Grant Wilcox (Kalamazoo)

Gene Wilson (Ann Arbor)

Jane Durfee Johns (Flint)

2. "Records and Recordings"

Chairman: Kurtz Myers (Detroit)

Resource Persons: James L. Limbacher (Dearborn)

Lee Tuttle (Birmingham)

Katharine Stokes (Kalamazoo)

Joseph Kimbrough (Lansing)

Forest Alter (Flint)

3. "Radio and Television"

Chairman: Kenneth King (Detroit)

Resource Persons: Ann Ballou (Bay City)

James Dance (Detroit)

Clare Sergeant (Jackson)

Mrs. Eleanor Whitney (Benton Harbor)

10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon General Session—Wayne Room

Report of the Special Committee to Study Library Laws, Helen Warner, Battle Creek, Chairman.

- 12:30 p.m.— 2:00 p.m. Library School Reunions
 University of Michigan—Wayne Room
 University of Wisconsin—Sample Room 1404
 Western Reserve University—Sample Room 1406
- 2:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. General Session (sponsored jointly by the Library Administration Section and The Intellectual Freedom Committee)—Wayne Room
 Topic: "The Climate of Intellectual Freedom in America Today."
 Speaker: David K. Berninghausen, Director, University of Minnesota Library School



DAVID K. BERNINGHAUSEN is a man with much knowledge in the fields of Education (English, Speech, football and track), Librarianship (Director of the Library School, University of Minnesota, Past President, Minnesota Library Association and the Association of American Library Schools and is at present an A.L.A. Council member), and Publishing (his articles on intellectual freedom have appeared in the *ALA Bulletin*, *Library Journal*, *American Scholar*, *Harvard Educational Review* and others). His talk on the climate of intellectual freedom in America will be both informative and provocative.

- Reactor Panel: Mark Crum, Kalamazoo Public Library
 Harold Johnston, Flint Public Library
 Stanley Tanner, Saginaw Public Library
 (Drawing for the Exhibitors' Door Prize at the close of the General Session.)
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. Audio-Visual Film Showing—Bagley Room
 James L. Limbacher, Dearborn Public Library, Chairman.
 Films: PROGRAM FOR PROGRESS (12 min.)
 CRAFTSMANSHIP AND AUTOMATION (20 min.)
 MADELINE (6 min.), and QUETICO (20 min.)
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. M.L.A. Membership Committee—Sample Room 1404
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. A.L.A. Membership Committee—Parlor B
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. Western Michigan University Library School Reception for Alumni—Ivory Room
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Library Administration Division Business Meeting—Wayne Room
- 7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Conference Banquet—Wayne Room
Invocation: Rev. Allan G. Gray, Chesaning Methodist Church.
Presiding: Robert W. Armstrong, President M.L.A.
Introduction of the Speaker: Leo T. Dinnan, Conference Chairman.
Speaker: Dr. Maurice B. Mitchell, President of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc., Director of the Foreign Policy Association, and Consultant to the 45 African Nations on the Developing Educational Resources in Africa. "The Revolution in Education."



DR. MAURICE B. MITCHELL directs an organization of 250 specialists engaged in the production and distribution of educational motion pictures in all parts of the world. He began his career as a newspaperman associated with the New York Times and the Gannett group of newspapers in New York State. He entered the broadcasting field with the Columbia Broadcasting System in Washington, D.C. where he managed WTOP. Later he spent several years with the National Association of Broadcasters, founded the Broadcast Advertising Bureau, and was associated with NBC and later with Muzak Corporation as Vice-President.

Dr. Mitchell joined Encyclopedia Britannica Films in 1953. He served as a representative of the Education film field at UNESCO Conference on International Exchange of New Media held at Tangier in 1955 and Paris in 1956. He was elected Vice-Chairman of both conferences and acted as chairman of several key committees.

He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1958 by the University of Denver for "his creative, forceful, and dynamic stewardship . . . of Audio-Visual teaching" and his "myriad contributions to the communications industry."

In recent months, Dr. Mitchell has led his organization into a major effort in the field of programmed self-instruction (teaching machines).

Dr. Mitchell is also active in many educational, community, and world affairs organizations.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1961

8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.	Registration—Mezzanine Exhibits—Ballroom Floor
9:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.	General Session—Wayne Room (Sponsored by the Adult Education Section) "Dynamic Reading: A Demonstration and Critique" Demonstration: Melvin Suhd, Area Manager of Reading Dynamics Institute, Detroit "An Analysis of the Technique and Comparison with Standard Instruction"—Donald E. P. Smith, Chief, Reading Improvement Service, University of Michigan.



MELVIN SUHD, Area Manager of Reading Dynamics Institute, has been affiliated with the organization since its inception in the Detroit area. A former administrator in the Oak Park school system, he has also taught in Oak Park, Ferndale, and Detroit. He left the schools because he believed so keenly that Reading Dynamics held the key to open the doors of education. As Area Manager for the states of Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana, he has been responsible, in a large measure, for the tremendous interest in Reading Dynamics shown by educators and people in all walks of life.



DR. DONALD E. P. SMITH is Chief of Reading Improvement Services, Bureau Psychological Services and Associate Professor of Education at the University of Michigan. He received his Ph D from the University of Rochester in 1952 and joined the staff of the University of Michigan that same year.

Dr. Smith is active in many educational organizations and serves on the Board of Directors of the North Central Reading Association for Colleges and Adults. He is a senior editor with Harcourt, Brace Company and the author of the research monograph, "The Nature of Reading Disability," published in 1959.

- 12:30 p.m.— 2:30 p.m. Section Luncheons
1. College Section and Technical Services Section
Tuller Hotel—Arabian Room
Speaker: Richard Harwell, Librarian, Bowdoin College, Maine and formerly A.C.R.L. Executive Secretary. "The Human Genius of Lee."
 2. County Libraries Section
Tuller Hotel—Italian Room
Speaker: Rev. Frank D. Gentile, member of Southfield, Michigan Library Board. "The Freedom to Read"
 3. Hospital Libraries Section
Statler Hotel—Sample Room 1404
Speaker: Milton Solomon, Ph D Head, Department of Psychology, Wayne County General Hospital. "The Psychological Implications of Censorship"
 4. School and Children's Section
Tuller Hotel—Sky Room
Speaker: Dr. Dora V. Smith, former Professor at the University of Minnesota. "Trends, Trifles and Treasures"
- 2:30 p.m.— 3:15 p.m. General Session—Wayne Room
(Sponsored by the Technical Services Section)
"Discussion on Cost Accounting"
(Drawing for the Exhibitor's Door Prize at the end of the General Session)
- 3:15 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. General Session—M.L.A. Business Meeting—Wayne Room
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Audio-Visual Film Showing—Bagley Room
Joseph Kimbrough, Lansing Public, Chairman
Films: SCUFFY (8 min.) and WHITE MANE (40 min.)
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. College Section Business Meeting—Wayne Room
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Technical Services Section Business Meeting—Sample Room 1434
- 4:15 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Reference Section Business Meeting—Sample Room 1436
- 7:30 p.m.— 8:15 p.m. Meeting of old and new M.L.A. Executive Boards, Committee, and Section Chairmen—Wayne Room
- 8:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. General Session—Wayne Room
(Sponsored by the Reference Section)
Speaker: Walter Brahm, Ohio State Librarian
"The Statewide Library Card Idea in Ohio"



WALTER BRAHM graduated from Western Reserve Library School in 1933 and after varied experience at Reserve and Toledo Public became State Librarian in 1942, and has been part of the nationally known progress of Ohio Libraries. He has also served as President of the National Association of State Libraries (1959-60).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1961

- 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Registration—Mezzanine
Exhibits—Ballroom Floor
- 8:30 a.m.— 9:45 a.m. School and Children's Section Breakfast and Business Meeting—Bagley Room
- 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. General Session—Wayne Room
Speaker: Dr. James B. Tintera, Director, State of Michigan Television Study. "Library Uses of the Proposed State Television System."
- Demonstration of possible uses by courtesy of Bell Telephone System which supplied the circuits; Howard & Smith, Inc., which supplied the cameras and related technical equipment and personnel; General Electric Corp. which supplied the Television Receivers; Polaroid Corp. which supplied the Polaroid Land Cameras used; and Detroit Public Library which supplied staff and materials to provide the demonstration.



DR. JAMES B. TINTERA has a most unusual background for an educator. An Associate Professor of Education at Michigan State University, he built and operated an armed forces network radio station in Heidelberg, Germany, was a radio announcer, and a TV station production manager.

He has long been active in research activities concerning ETV (Educational TV). Dr. Tintera has just completed an ETV study for Michigan which has been published recently, and is currently chief investigator of a research grant from the National Defense Education Act Project which involves 2½ years of study and research. He has served as an ETV and Research Consultant for Kansas, Florida, Alabama, and the Midwest Project on Airborne Television, the National Association for Teacher Education and Professional Standards, N.E.A., American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. He researched and moderated the radio series "Oral Essays on Education". (A reliable inside source revealed that Dr. Tintera is a staunch supporter of libraries and librarians and reads 6 to 8 books a week without ever having taken a course in Dynamic Reading.)

- 12:30 p.m.— 3:00 p.m. Conference Luncheon (Sponsored by the School and Children's Section)—Wayne Room
Speaker: Arna Bontemps, author and Head Librarian at Fisk University.
(Drawing for Exhibitors door prize at the end of the General Session)



ARNA BONTEMPS received his A.B. at Pacific Union College in 1923 and his A.M. at Chicago in 1943. His honors as a teacher, poet and author include the Crisis of Poetry Prize, Alexander Pushkin Poetry Prize, and Jane Addams Children's Book Award. His most recent book is "100 Years of Negro Freedom."

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Emma Sihler, Chairman

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan Library Association submits the following proposed amendments for consideration at the annual meeting, November 1961

(Matter in italic is new. Brief explanation of change follows each section when amendment or addition is not obvious.)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV—Officers and Management

Section 1. Officers: (2nd paragraph) The officers shall be declared elected at each annual meeting of the Association and shall serve until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are declared elected, except the Treasurer and the Secretary whose terms of office shall extend for two years and who shall be elected on alternate years. *The term of the Treasurer shall coincide with the fiscal years.*

Practice has led to the Secretary being renominated and re-elected the second year so that the Nominating Committees find it difficult to secure a candidate to oppose an incumbent Secretary. Having the Secretary elected for two years like the Treasurer will add additional continuity and experience to the Executive Board.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV—Nominations and Elections

Section 2. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two or more candidates for each elective office to be filled at the next election, *except for the office of Second Vice-President.*

Section 3. Elections. Elections to elective positions for the Association shall be made by mail vote in such a manner as the Executive Board shall determine. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected, *provided however, that the candidate receiving the largest number of votes for the office of First Vice-President shall be elected to that office and the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes for the office of First Vice-President shall become the Second Vice-President.* In case of a tie vote the successful candidate shall be determined by lot.

The Association can profit by the defeated candidate's contributions to the Executive Board. A.L.A. has recently approved this method of selecting its Second Vice-President.

If these amendments are adopted the election calendar would be as follows:

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| 2 nominees for 1st. V.P. & Pres. Elect. | { 1. V.P. & Pres. Elect.
2. 2nd V.P. |
| 2 nominees treasurer—2 years | |
| 2 nominees for secretary for 1 year | |
| 2 nominees—Prof. Member at Large—2 years | |

1963

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| 2 nominees for 1st V.P. & Pres. Elect. | { 1. V.P. & Pres. Elect.
2. 2nd V.P. |
| 2 nominees for secretary for 2 years | |
| 2 nominees for Trustee-Member at Large. 2 years | |

1964

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| 2 nominees for 1st V.P. & Pres. Elect. | { 1. V.P. & Pres. Elect.
2. 2nd V.P. |
| 2 nominees for treasurer for 2 years | |
| 2 nominees for Prof. Member at Large 2 years | |
| 2 nominees for A.L.A. Council for 4 years | |

ARTICLE VII—Committees

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. The President shall appoint subject to the approval of the Executive Board, the following standing committees: Legislative Membership, Planning, Public Relations, Publications, *Personnel Policies, Scholarship and Recruiting*.

Changes are in accord with the recommendations of the Planning Committee accepted by the Executive Board. Personnel Policies Committee could expand the scope of their work. Combining the work of the former Scholarship and Recruiting Committees as one could eliminate duplication of effort and centralize these allied activities under one committee.

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Reports*

Clover Flanders

This is my second report to the Michigan Library Association membership as its Chapter Representative on the ALA Council.

Two formal Council meetings were held during the Annual ALA conference in Cleveland; a third preliminary meeting informed the Council of recent outstanding activities and continuing projects of each Division through a brief report from the Division Presidents.

A report of the Membership Committee concerning the proposed changes in the dues scale was approved by Council. The urgent need for a dues increase was outlined by the ALA Treasurer; one of his points was that the dues provide only \$11 of the \$80 per member of income. The rest of this amount comes from publications and grants. It was noted that grants are only available to those associations which have active, on-going programs. Mr. Yabroff made the comment that the membership dues are what primes the grant money pump.

Changes in the By-laws to implement the dues changes were passed by Council and cleared the way for action at the Membership Meeting following the second Council Session. The new dues schedule was accepted by the membership after considerable discussion and some parliamentary maneuvering, to become effective with the 1962 membership year.

At the second Council meeting a progress report on the Headquarters Building hopefully noted moving day as November 1st. Further action assigned Activity Division status to the Trustee group. Reports from several people who had testified recently in Washington indicated that a cordial climate exists there in respect to libraries. In addition, ALA's Washington representative reported on several pending bills that will benefit libraries: the Library Services Act, a Surplus Property Bill, a School Assistance Bill among them.

The addition of a sentence to the Library Bill of Rights was noted in my last report to you. Chapters are now being urged to review their constitutions to make sure that membership is open to all.

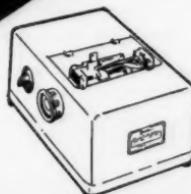
National Library Week will continue to be celebrated until 1967. The recommendation has been made to re-appraise the program in 1966.

The two General Sessions I attended were stimulating. Rumer Godden gave a delightful talk on her personal experiences in writing books with a serious overtone concerning the obligations of those who are blessed with some special talent. The second session brought reports from the travelers to Russia. They found a cordial welcome there and had an opportunity to report their impressions directly to the Government agency responsible for library services in the Soviet Union. The visitors were impressed with the recognized place libraries and bookstores have in the Russian scheme of things and at the crowds of people in both. The first report of the visit was published in the July 1961 issue of the ALA Bulletin and will be of general interest.

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The annual meeting of the Catholic Library Association, Michigan Unit, will be held on Saturday, October 21, at Rosary High School, 8551 Greenfield, Detroit. The registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by group sessions for college, high school, elementary, parish, public and special library sections.

The general assembly is planned for 1:30 p.m., with Sister Gertrude Ann, S.S.J., chairman of the Michigan Unit, presiding. The principal speaker will be Miss Alice Louise LeFevre, director of the Department of Librarianship at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Miss LeFevre has chosen the following inspirational topic for her address: "The Role of the Practicing Librarian in Library Education."

Principals, teachers, and parents, as well as librarians, are invited to attend the library meeting.

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LIBRARIES

In the new Michigan State Constitution

The Michigan Library Association and the State Board for Libraries urge that the following provisions be embodied in the new Michigan State Constitution:

1. Provision for libraries should be contained in a section of the article on education.
2. Library service at the local level should be primarily the responsibility of the local units of government; however
3. The state should have a responsibility to aid, encourage and assist local units in providing library service for all citizens.
4. The state should be required to share the responsibility for the financial support of library service as provided by law.
5. Provision should be made to encourage large units of service in order to render library service as broadly and economically as possible.
6. Local units of government which cannot themselves maintain a public library should be required to provide financial support for the provision of library service through other means, such as by contract with neighboring libraries, by cooperation with neighboring governmental units and by means offered through state or other library authority as provided by law.
7. Provision should be made for a state library adequately financed and administered by a State Board for Libraries.
8. Provision should be made so that the total of penal fines be designated for public library service as originally intended in the 1835 and later constitutions.
9. Funds for state aid to libraries should be allotted annually in an amount equal to a percentage of the total state funds allotted to education in the given year. Such percentage should be fixed by a representative body (to be determined) based on the needs of libraries in the support of education and on the level of support for public libraries from all other sources. Such percentage should be reviewed by the same representative body and on the same terms at least every three years and the percentage stated in law. The annual allotment for state aid to libraries should be in addition to the total education appropriation and its distribution should be in accordance with existing legislation and the rules and regulations of the State Board for Libraries.

August 28, 1961

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RETIRED: Helen Hempstead as Librarian of the Butman-Fish Library, Saginaw in July.

DIED: Beatrice Prall, Librarian, Saginaw Public Libraries, 1926-1953 of cancer at High Point, North Carolina, June 4.

DIED: C. Goddard Smith, Trustee and President of the Library Board, Farmington City and Township District Library. He was a member of M.L.A. since 1957.

PHOEBE LUMAREE: Associate Librarian, Western Michigan University, retires after 28 years on the staff.

DR. E. WALFRED ERICKSON, Director, Eastern Michigan University Library has completed a study on what happens after a college or university library is surveyed. His findings will be published as ACRL Monograph #25, *College and University Library Surveys*, A.L.A. 132 pages. 17 tables. Paper. Probably \$3.25.

ELECTED: as Directors, Adult Education Association of Michigan, Charles Follo, trustee, Escanaba Public Library and Kenneth King, Detroit Public Library.

DR. KATHERINE M. STOKES, Director, Waldo Library, Western Michigan University and Professional-Member-at-Large, M.L.A. has been elected President-elect, Association of College and Research Libraries.

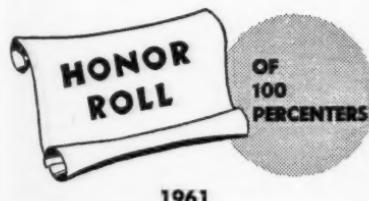
NEW: at Western Michigan University Library, Dr. Hans Engelka, who joins the cataloging staff.

MARGARET W. AYRAULT: Chief cataloger, General Library, University of Michigan has been appointed to A.L.A.'s Council Nominating Committee for 1961-62.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES: the retirement of Mrs. Dorothy E. deGozia who has worked with children for 40 years and Miss Lorraine Newman, a staff member for 34 years.

CO-AUTHORS: Jim Dance and Kenneth King, Detroit Public Library have written an article "Literature and Television: Live and on the Line" for the current (June, 1961) issue of *Adult Leadership* published by the Adult Education Association of the U.S.A.

MRS. FRANCES J. BREWER: Curator of Rare Books, Detroit Public Library, has written an article "Friends of the Library and Other Benefactors and Donors" for the April, 1961, issue of *Library Trends*, a quarterly professional journal.



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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Conference Chairman
Leo T. Dinnan

One librarian of my acquaintance, who gets his expenses paid by his library, has seriously asked the question whether even in the long run he could justify the expenses of attending conferences by any true measuring stick. His tentative answer is no. Nevertheless, he continues to attend on the rather tenuous ground that a short paid vacation helps make up for his not quite sufficient salary. The librarian who must pay his own way has a harder decision to make.

This question of the real value of conferences has clung to me ever since I said I would undertake to organize this year's MLA meeting. Is it worth it, or perhaps more accurately, how can it be made worth it? What do librarians really want of a conference? This last question is not easily answered for when surveys are made they show that a majority want more workshops, more big name speakers, and fewer meetings so they can have more time for unprogrammed activities. In practical terms that is like increasing government services and lowering taxes; it just can't be done.

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH

Each year some basic decisions have to be made by the MLA President and the Conference Committee, the most vital of which is, what do we hope to accomplish by having a conference in the first place? Naturally essential business must be transacted but with careful planning by every part of MLA this could be kept to a minimum, and should be. Of course people come to meet others so mealtimes shouldn't be unnecessarily cluttered, and there should be some breathing spaces during the day, not wasted "free afternoons" but hours spaced throughout the program. This is hard to do when dozens of

groups and committees must be fitted into the schedule. Such free time must also be available so librarians and trustees will be able to visit the exhibits, one of the idea breeding grounds of conferences. Here again, shorter breaks which encourage staying in the area are better than longer ones which encourage leaving. This year, to encourage exhibit visiting, three transistor radios will be given away, one each day, to someone who visited the exhibits and registered there.

All this is fine, but what about the program? What can be accomplished by it? If we simply want to "inspire" in a general way, some big name author, some witty speakers, and a library success story will do; but what real profit is there in it three weeks after the conference? If we want to train librarians and trustees who don't have the advantages of complete training and varied experience we can emphasize the how to do it workshop and the problem clinic with a good rousing talk on book selection. There is nothing wrong with this objective except that most of the 700 odd librarians who will register are fairly well trained already and end up talking over again what they have talked over so many times in the past. This is good in some ways, but it is exactly what caused my librarian friend to question the true value to him of a conference.

BRINGING LIBRARIANS AND TRUSTEES UP TO DATE

The next alternative is the one we are following this year, in case you thought I was never going to get around to it, that of bringing librarians and trustees up to date on relevant things that are going on in the world around them. It is a disgrace that we whose business is books and reading should be so uninformed about so dramatic and popular

a thing as Reading Dynamics. I have found more interest and understanding about this in people in industry and business than I have in librarians.

Doctors are talking about a central information service feeding the latest information directly into their offices by closed circuit TV, while most librarians are unaware that the technology exists to transmit documents from one place to another by the same medium.

Governor Swainson has asked the State Board for Libraries to begin to work toward a statewide library card, but how many of us are aware that Ohio has been struggling with this idea for three years?

We all read the news and know that Africa and Asia are alive with problems of new found sovereignty or disputed sovereignty, but do we know that American educational experts are making available to them the latest techniques of education, techniques with which most of us are either unfamiliar or at least imprecise. If you had been asked yesterday whether you had anything on teaching machines, would you have thought to yourself, "Don't tell me they are trying to educate those big electronic brains."

A KIND OF SEMINAR

As you can see, these questions are raised specifically in relation to this year's program. If you don't know much about teaching machines, educational television, the statewide library card idea, Reading Dynamics, or some other current problem dealt with in the program, you should attend the conference and learn. Our objective has been to make this conference a kind of seminar on the world around us, a world we ought to be familiar with as long as it lasts. This program is not directed at the small library vs. the large, the untrained librarian vs. the trained, or any other such simple distinctions. Even the most sophisticated and worldly wise librarian is sure to learn something if he listens.

If this sounds like the kind of conference you could profitably attend, study the program and send in your registration. I even expect to see the librarian I mentioned when I began.

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Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Washington Blvd. at Michigan, Detroit 31, Michigan—single with bath, \$8.50-\$18.00; double with bath, \$13.00-\$22.50.

Tuller Hotel, Park and Adams, Detroit 26, Michigan—single with bath, \$4.00-\$9.00; double with bath, \$8.00-\$12.00.

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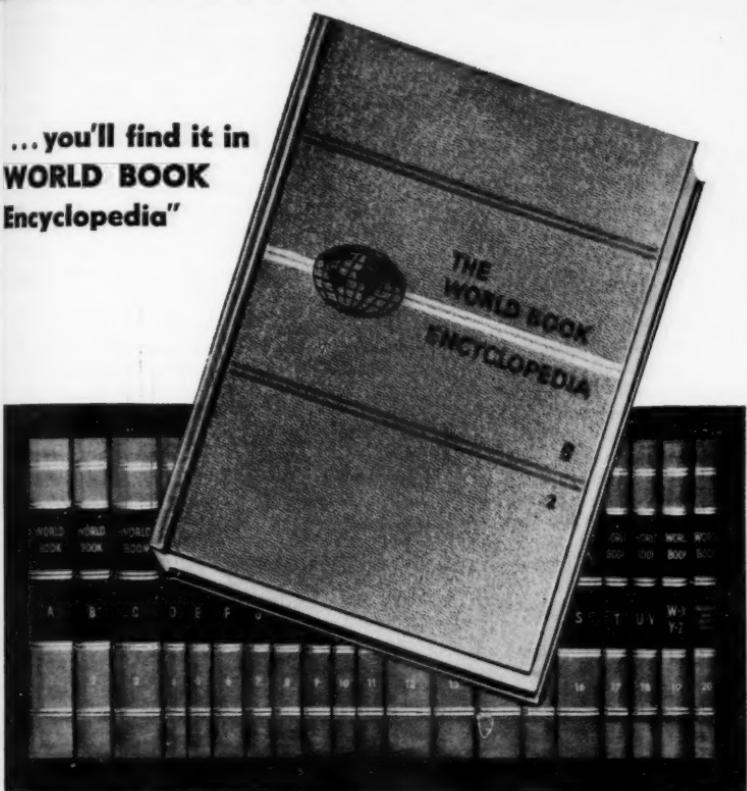
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Committees

COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF LIBRARY LAWS

ASSIGNMENT given the committee by President Armstrong: "If we have a constitutional convention this can mean study of laws and policies which would likely come up for review by the convention . . . I would think it fitting for the committee to study such things as penal fines and their distribution, state aid and standards for qualification, how do we encourage the growth of our present libraries, and establishment of new ones. . . ."

MEETINGS

January 19. There was lengthy discussion of the laws with which the committee should concern itself. What is the best organizational framework for libraries. Should the library problems of large metropolitan areas be considered separately from other areas in Michigan? There was much discussion as to implementing the State Plan, with its concept of organizing libraries on a larger area basis, at least for some functions. Nevertheless it was decided that because of time limitations and the urgency presented by a Constitutional Convention, the committee should concern itself first with possible constitutional provisions. The committee of the whole was divided into three subcommittees to meet in February, each one of which was to study one particular problem more intensively.

February 9. Meeting in Detroit of subcommittee studying "Legislation for larger units of service." Mary Mitchell, Chairman

February 13. Meeting in Flint of subcommittee studying "Patterns of Financial Support for libraries." Stanley Tanner, Chairman

February 23. Meeting in Kalamazoo of subcommittee on "Constitutional Provisions for Libraries." Dr. Wen Chao Chen, Chairman

March 2 and 3. Meeting of the entire committee to consider the recommendations of the subcommittees; to work out a basis for the discussion of library laws at the seven spring district meetings; and to make tentative decisions on some basic concepts to present to the Constitutional Convention.

March 16. Co-sponsored with the Executive Board of M.L.A. a one day planning session for district officers and program committees in preparation for district meetings.

June 8. Meeting of entire committee for the purpose of making recommendations to the executive board of the M.L.A. At preceding meetings of the whole committee, a tape recorder was used and the tape used as the basis for very full minutes. These extensive minutes, reports from the district meetings and the Opinion Sheets filled out at the district meetings were used as a background for the recommendations made.

June 14. Meeting of the Chairman of the Committee with the M.L.A. Executive Board to present the recommendations.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A compilation of current Michigan Library Laws was brought up to date by Mrs. Fannie Noonan and Miss Charlotte Dunnebacke, of the State Library Staff who were also members of the committee.

The Committee agreed to sponsor a state conference program meeting at the fall meeting in Detroit.

FURTHER STUDY

1. Preliminary findings of the Committee were printed in the program of the district meetings as well as a summary of basic existing library laws in Michigan.
2. A detailed analysis of the opinion sheets filled out at the district meetings appeared in the summer supplement of the Michigan Librarian.
3. For general background, committee members referred to the July, 1960 issue of Library Trends called "State Aid to Public Libraries," S. Janice Kee, issue editor.

CONCLUSION

The Committee has studied only a fraction of the laws that needs to be studied. But enough groundwork through the work of the 1961 committee and the preceding ones has been laid so that a codification of library laws should be made in the near future. A compilation of Michigan Library Laws has been brought up to date. At the district meetings the membership has had an opportunity to think about some of the legal problems which need to be carefully analyzed. The Association at its 1961 fall conference should decide the basic principles they wish to have embodied in a revision of Michigan Library Laws, whether they are to be through the legislative process or through a new Michigan Constitution. The time for making far reaching decisions is at hand.

Helen L. Warner, *Chairman*

EXHIBITS

Due to conflicting programs the Exhibits Committee was unable to meet this year as a body; therefore its business was conducted through correspondence.

The following recommendations were submitted to the Executive Board:

1. That the Conference Exhibits Chairman be asked to contact all advertisers in the MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN inviting them to exhibit at the Conference.
2. That a representative of the Conference Hotel be invited to work with the Conference Exhibits Chairman.
3. That the Exhibits Committee be discontinued as a standing committee of M. L. A., and its duties be assigned to the Conference Exhibits Chairman.

Edith Daniel, *Chairman*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

As a completely new Committee, this has been necessarily a year of planning and investigation.

President Armstrong has indicated his interest in the Committee and the potential importance of the Friends to MLA.

Mrs. Marion Ingram, Miss Mabel Conat and Mr. Robert Orr have spent considerable time in discussing the Committee's future work.

The Committee tentatively suggests Friends lay memberships of \$1.50 for individuals, and MLA dues of \$5 per group. Each Friends group could designate one member by name and address to represent their group, and report back after each MLA meeting. The Committee recommends that a leaflet be printed on "Why Join MLA and the Friends Committee?" for mailing to State Friends groups, as well as Librarians. Every member of MLA is automatically eligible for membership on the Committee.

The first Conference Meeting has been called for the November Conference. A Friends of the Library Panel is scheduled for Wednesday, and it is hoped that this will be a kick-off for future Committee activities.

It is recommended that the Committee be enlarged to 5 to 8 members, which would provide for wider involvement, for regional representation, as Upper Peninsula, and should be roughly 50-50 Librarians and Friends.

Finally, it is recommended that the Friends Committee be listed on membership dues card so those interested could check.

All of these recommendations are necessarily dependent on approval of the MLA Board.

The Committee is enthusiastic about the possibilities of the Friends movement. There are now 70 groups organized, as well as 14 new prospective groups according to a compilation of Mrs. Ingram. She has also prepared an extensive report on the Michigan groups outlining date organized, members, frequency of meetings, population served, dues, and projects, including future plans.

The Chairman was invited by the Michigan Council of Better Libraries to make a trip to the Upper Peninsula on behalf of Friends' organizations. He spoke at Alpena, Sault Ste. Marie and Escanaba, and was delighted at the reception given the Friends movement.

The Committee has enjoyed this assignment and hopes that it has laid the groundwork for continuing development.

Robert M. Orr, *Chairman*

HISTORY

The History Committee met during the Conference in Lansing last October, and outlined its projected activity for the year. James M. Babcock, chief of the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, was appointed as a new member.

Two days were profitably spent by your chairman at the Michigan Historical Collections in Ann Arbor, where all the Association records are housed. The early records, 1891-1918, are well kept in note books, with a brief account of each annual meeting, together with the names of those attending. These are in the office of the Assistant Curator, and will remain there.

Several years ago the Association voted to send all our records and files to be housed there. This has been done annually, but there has been a minimum of sorting and arranging, so that they are housed in crowded cartons and are difficult of access. At that time we stipulated that these were to be kept just as they were sent, whereas most organizations send their files with approval that those in charge of the Historical Collections may sort and index the files as received. When they do this they are arranged in chronological order, with a shelf list as a finding guide.

In April the Executive Board approved giving them this authority for our files. While it may take two years for this to be completely accomplished, the files will then be easy of access, and available to our officers at all times.

The committee has covered all the records at the State Library, as well as many records from other sources, so that we hope that some chapters will appear in *The Michigan Librarian* in the coming year, and shortly thereafter in its completed form.

Dorothy T. Hagerman, *Chairman*

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

During 1960-61 the Michigan Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee gathered a great deal of information pertaining to Intellectual Freedom Committee activities of other states. The Michigan committee has been working on a statement of principles and policies to be followed where librarians or libraries are coerced by pressure groups. Instances where librarians have reported some pressures in Michigan communities have been tabulated and checked.

The Committee's goal is to come forth with a statement which would be applicable for an individual library as well as for the Association. No library board or librarian asked for direct help from this committee during the past year though a number of libraries have requested information pertaining to the committee's findings.

Samuel E. Molod, *Chairman*

LEGISLATIVE

On May 26, Governor Swainson signed Public Act No. 116, which, up to that date had been known as House Bill 342, the amendment to the Regional Library Law. The bill had previously passed the House on April 13 with a vote of 87 yeas and 17 nays, and the Senate on May 4, with a vote of 29 yeas and no nays.

M.L.A. members should write letters of thanks to Representatives Einar E. Erlandsen and Mrs. Marie L. Hager, who introduced the bill in the House, and to Representative Ralph Young, Chairman of the House Committee on State Library, whose committee deliberated the bill and reported it out for vote. On the Senate side, the bill went to the State Affairs Committee, the chairman of which is Senator Perry Greene.

Letters of thanks are every bit as important—if not more so—than letters of request, and they are easier and more pleasant to write. Legislators appreciate hearing from the people whom they represent, and especially from those who have an interest in the legislation they have worked hard to pass. We must not neglect this important duty as members of a professional group.

On June 2, Public Act No. 188 was approved by the Governor. This is the Education appropriation measure, of which the State Library budget (including State Aid and State Board expenses) is a part.

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The following chart is the way the State Library budget appears in final form for fiscal 1961-62, in relation to the present budget, 1961-62 requests, and the Governor's earlier recommendation:

	<i>1960-61 Appropriations</i>	<i>1961-62 Request</i>	<i>1961-62 Governor's Recommendations</i>	<i>1961-62 Appropriations</i>
Salaries, Contractual Services, Equipment	—578,919	916,473	599,897	589,421
State Aid	420,000	1,395,000	475,000	420,000
State Board Expenses	2,000	3,500	3,500	2,000

Joe Kimbrough, *Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP

The 1960-61 Membership Committee of the Michigan Library Association had a most active year. A planning meeting was held at the Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan, November 17, 1960. Fortunately the Chairman had discussed plans for this meeting with the President, Robert Armstrong, who graciously chaired it when the Chairman was unexpectedly hospitalized.

It was decided to contact four groups: 1—persons who attended the 1960 Lansing Conference but who were not members of MLA; 2—members who were delinquent in payment of dues; 3—Head Librarians of public libraries in Michigan who were not MLA members; 4—library trustees or board members of these libraries who did not belong to MLA.

Sample letters were prepared and sent to all members of the committee. The 1961 Calendar of Events was stenciled and mailed to committee members as one of the enclosures. Starting in January, four memos were sent by the Chairman to the Committee members, giving the details of the proposed mailings. In addition, members of the Membership Committee took dues at all District meetings and at the Section meetings in April and May.

The Chairman wishes to thank each committee member for the extraordinary cooperation given and the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Tintera, for the lists she produced and the time she gave to this committee. It is with pride that the committee announces an increase of 98 members. The MLA membership numbered 1,679 on September 1, 1960. On September 1, 1961, the membership totaled 1,777.

Kathleen B. Stebbins, *Chairman*

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers Day was held this year on April 13 at Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, Michigan State University, East Lansing. Eighty-eight persons came and evaluated the day's meetings as very much worthwhile. As in the past, the great majority attending represented public rather than school or special libraries. University libraries also were well represented.

Designed to acquaint newcomers with the Michigan library scene, this year's program changed from the customary day of purely informational meetings to include an afternoon session of an inspirational nature. The audience seemed to approve the change by its great enthusiasm for the luncheon speaker, Dr. Russel B. Nye, of the MSU English Department, who discussed "Horatio Alger". The morning Symposium, moderated by Dr. Richard E. Chapin, was also appreciated, and stimulated audience questions. Mrs. Mary Daume spoke on "The State Board for Libraries", Francis X. Scannell on "The State Library", and Robert W. Armstrong on "The Michigan Library Association". President-elect Richardson invited newcomers to participate actively in MLA by choosing a committee they'd like to work on next year.

Morning coffee hour, luncheon in the Red Cedar Rooms, and a tour by the whole group of the State Library in Lansing completed the program. Optional tours of the MSU Library were available at day's end to those who wished to take one.

The committee chairman wishes to thank all who helped so generously in the planning and presentation of this program for newcomers to Michigan libraries and to library-interested groups, and to the members of MLA Executive Board

and The State Board for Libraries who took time to attend and give newcomers an opportunity to meet them.

Eileen L. Oehler, *Chairman*

PLANNING

The Planning Committee met in Lansing on November 21 and again on March 8. It was decided that the Committee should concern itself this year primarily with the second of its two official purposes (as stated in the October 1953 *Michigan Librarian*): "To study and coordinate the activities of the various committees at periodic intervals, so that the work of the Association as a whole is developed."

Since it is not feasible to study all MLA committees in one year, it was decided to select 4 to be examined by sub-committees: Exhibits; Recruiting; Salary, Staff and Tenure; and, Scholarship. The reports of the sub-committees resulted in the formulation of recommendations to the Executive Board which may be summarized as follows: abolish the Exhibits Committee; combine the Recruiting and the Scholarship Committees and adopt a new statement of purposes for the new committee; amend the name and re-define the purposes of the Salary, Staff, and Tenure Committee.

It is recommended that future Planning Committees carry on the work started this year until all MLA committees have been studied, and then start over. This procedure is recommended as a way of carrying on a continuing audit of committees.

The Planning Committee also recommended to the Executive Board the establishment of an annual award to be known as the Loleta D. Fyan Award and to be given for a scholarly paper in librarianship.

Warren S. Owens, *Chairman*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee met November 20, 1960 to determine the course for the year's program. Because a majority were unable to attend this meeting, three proposals for action were submitted to the entire committee for comment. These were:

1. Joint action with the recruiting committee on a Michigan-aimed recruiting brochure.
2. Collecting and compiling for general use, information and materials pertinent to public relations, including publicity samples from all kinds of Michigan libraries.
3. Working on materials needed for further exposition of the State-wide Plan for public libraries.

In general, number two seemed to have the most appeal to the 1961 committee members who, together with the chairman, pass this on to the 1962 committee.

During the past year the 1960 committee's "Selected lending list of Library Public Relations" reprinted from the *Michigan Librarian* has been distributed through State Library mailings, the summer workshops and upon request. These are still available in quantity by writing to Betty McKinley, State Library, 125 East Shiawassee, Lansing 13, Michigan.

Betty McKinley, *Chairman*

PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Committee, with Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Tintera also present, met at the Grosse Pointe Public Library February 17, 1961.

The committee unanimously recommended to the M.L.A. Executive Board that a proposed newsletter, which would give M.L.A. members information about each District Meeting, be tried. This recommendation was accepted and the newsletter published as the *Michigan Librarian, Summer Supplement*. The committee felt that this information would be of great interest and value in helping absentee members by informing them as to what transpired. The availability of the agenda of all District Meetings will help develop a feeling of greater unity among members. Many suggestions were proposed by the committee members in regard to this publication.

The committee then discussed recommendations and criticisms, included in the "Membership Questionnaire", that were pertinent to Publications. Perhaps the most important suggestion considered was that of including in the *Michigan Librarian* a "Jobs Available" and "Jobs Wanted" column. The committee wished to go on record as supporting such a column with recommended limitations enforced. It is hoped that such a column will be seriously considered by the Executive Board.

A detailed report of the work of the Publications Committee meeting was submitted by the Chairman.

Betty R. Seifert, *Chairman*

RECRUITING

The Recruiting Committee met once in November in East Lansing. Although the attendance was small the meeting was lively.

The Committee reviewed the written recommendations passed on from the 1960 MLA breakfast meeting. Many of these stressed improvement of the "image" of the librarian. Again this point was emphasized at the ALA-LAD Recruiting buzz sessions, at which the Committee was represented. It was agreed that the Committee should draw up a fact sheet or prospectus of the opportunities and advantages of entering the profession in Michigan. This is ready for distribution during the coming year.

A two year program was planned for contact with high school counselors throughout the state. The Committee will staff the Recruiting Display at the November meeting of the Michigan Counselor's Association. Materials showing the diversity of positions and number of positions open in our profession in Michigan will be made available, as well as materials on salary scales, scholarship, fellowship and loan and education opportunities. The librarian at the display will be ready to schedule the exhibit and talks at Career Days or library clubs.

In 1962 the Committee hopes to have a speaker representing the profession at the Annual Counselors' Association meeting. Before the meeting letters describing the profession and its opportunities will be sent to the counselors.

During the year there have been several calls from high schools for library talks and the Recruiting Display has been sent out from the State Library to points all over the state. Several hundred copies of the 1960 bibliography were sent out during the year.

Henry C. Koch, *Chairman*

SALARY, STAFF & TENURE

The committee met in Lansing on April 4, 1961. Since we were chosen to be surveyed by the Planning Committee the meeting dealt chiefly with the purposes of the committee and plans for the future. It was agreed that the name be changed to Personnel Policies Committee. However, the members present objected to the Planning Committee's proposal that we no longer be concerned with tenure cases which might be referred to the Association. We felt that this committee was the logical group to deal with any such referrals.

Since the American Library Association and other professional educational associations have definite statements of policy concerning tenure, a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Dr. E. Walfred Erickson was appointed to work on such a statement. Dr. Purdy suggested that a future project might concern itself with an analysis of the public library statistics gathered by the Michigan State Library. Such a study could cover a period of years and perhaps be distributed to various boards of trustees when finalized.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members for their splendid cooperation. Salary statistics for public libraries were compiled and published in the June, *Michigan Librarian*.

James McTaggart, *Chairman*

SCHOLARSHIP

As has been the practice in former years, the Scholarship committee has confined its activities to doing all the necessary business by mail. This has been accomplished by the chairman, without need for any meetings of the balance of the committee.

Application for Bement loans was processed and application for loans was approved. Amount	\$600.00
Application for Workshop Grant was processed and application for Grant was approved. Amount	\$ 50.00

Total	\$650.00
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This is very satisfying work and should be expanded through the use of more funds and publicity, the latter possibly by increased publicity of the Recruiting Committee concerning our scholarship program.

Those who allowed themselves to be named on the Scholarship Committee are to be thanked. You may have, and showed your willingness to be called upon at any time.

Collections for the scholarship committee at district meetings this Spring were:

District I	\$ 26.77
District II	55.01
District III	77.00
District IV	52.25
District V	64.88
District VI	35.31

Total	\$311.22
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It has been a distinct pleasure to serve on this comparatively 'easy', but altogether worthwhile committee. Our only hope that the work expands.

Kenneth U. Blass, *Chairman*

TRUSTEE CITATION

(No report)

Sections

ADULT EDUCATION

The activities of the Adult Education Section, past and present, were presented as a series of articles in the June, 1961 issue of the *Michigan Librarian*. Rather than take valuable space to repeat, I refer you to that issue for our annual report.

The Section will be responsible for the Friday morning General Session of the 1961 M.L.A. Conference. Mr. Melvin Suhd, Area Manager of Reading Dynamics Institute and Dr. Donald Smith, Chief, Reading Improvement Services, University of Michigan will discuss and demonstrate various reading programs. Because these programs are of special interest to librarians we hope this will be a most informative and interesting program. The Business meeting will follow with the election of officers and committee reports, including suggestions for revising the By-Laws.

Alberta Massingill, *Chairman*

AUDIO-VISUAL

Since the Audio-Visual Section was approved by the MLA a year ago, the machinery of organization is being slowly moved into high gear.

The section at present has 48 members and had its first meeting in November between sessions of the regional conference of the Education Film Library Association at the Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel. At that time, a nominating committee was organized, the constitution discussed, and general goals outlined.

Officers of the Section are James L. Limbacher (Dearborn), president; Joseph Kimbrough (Lansing), vice-president and president-elect, and Mrs. Doris McLeod (Detroit), secretary. The present officers will remain in office through the 1961-62 year.

Arrangements have been made with the *MICHIGAN LIBRARIAN* to devote the June, 1962, issue to audio-visual media for Michigan libraries. Special articles are being written on film and record collections, a basic list of films for Michigan Libraries, film circuits, special purchase plans for films and records, radio and television production and its relation to the library, etc.

At the fall MLA meeting, the Audio-Visual Section has scheduled daily late-afternoon open screenings of films which would be of interest to librarians (including the new film on the ALA building). Meetings for persons interested in films, records, radio and TV are scheduled during that week.

Letters will go out in the fall outlining the meetings and we hope that it will be a good chance to get to know one another and to develop the goals of the section even further in 1961-62.

James L. Limbacher, *Chairman*

COLLEGE

At the College Section business meeting held at the fall conference in Lansing, October, 1961 it was reported that E. Walfred Erickson had been elected vice-chairman/chairman-elect and that James Tydeman had been elected secretary-treasurer. Katharine Stokes who was scheduled to become chairman of the Section for 1960/61 reported that because she had been elected to the Executive Board as a member-at-large she felt that she should resign from the chairmanship of the College Section. Upon the acceptance of her resignation Mr. Erickson assumed the chairmanship. John May, librarian at Hope College, was then elected by the members present to the office of vice-chairman/chairman-elect.

On May 6, 1961 the College Section held a joint meeting with the Technical Services Section of MLA and the Northern Ohio Technical Service Librarians at the Lucas County Library at Maumee, Ohio. At the morning meeting Mrs. Mary L. Eckford, administrator, Library Service Center of Eastern Ohio, Barnesville, Ohio discussed centralized acquisitions, cataloging, and processing. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of local history collections in the library. Dr. Willis Dunbar, head of the History Department at Western Michigan University, spoke on this topic after which the audience divided into two discussion groups led by James Babcock of the Burton Historical Library and Dr. Jesse Shera, dean of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University.

The Special Committee on Cooperative Library Service to Extension Students, which was appointed two years ago, has worked actively throughout the year and has made great strides toward its goal of providing good library service to extension centers on a cooperative basis. It is hoped that this committee can continue its work during this next year, and longer if necessary, to achieve the goal it has set for itself. Clover Flanders is chairman of this committee which includes representatives from all the Michigan institutions offering extension courses and the Michigan State Library.

Fall conference plans are underway at which there will be a luncheon meeting highlighted by an address by Richard Harwell, formerly executive secretary of ACRL.

E. Walfred Erickson, *Chairman*

COUNTY & REGIONAL LIBRARIES

The issue which seems to be of greatest interest to the members of this section concerns the possibility of a new Michigan Constitution and how this will affect the operation of the County and Regional Libraries of the State. This was the main topic discussed at a workshop sponsored by the Section on June 13 and 14, at Tawas City. The Iosco-Arenac Regional Library was host. The agenda included:

1. Building a useful Reference Collection—Miss Mavis Nash.
2. New Library Legislation and the County Library—Mrs. Mary Daume and Miss Eudocia Stratton.
3. Simplifying and Streamlining the Library Operation—Miss Jeannette Roberts and Mr. James R. Hunt.

The dinner, after which the legislation topic was discussed, was attended by the Regional Library Trustees and members of the Board of Supervisors as well as librarians. Mutual problems were discussed and suggestions were made concerning the anticipated constitutional convention.

The Section will hold both a luncheon and a business meeting on November 3, 1961, during the Fall Conference of the Michigan Library Association in Detroit. The speaker will be Rev. Frank D. Gentile, member of the Southfield Library Board, who will speak on the topic, "The Freedom to Read."

The officers of the year are: Herbert F. Mutschler, Chairman; Edna Cole, Chairman-Elect; Else M. Kelly, Secretary.

Herbert F. Mutschler, *Chairman*

HOSPITAL

At the October meeting Dr. Fred J. O'Hara of Western Michigan University's Department of Librarianship gave a talk entitled "From the Inside Looking Out," regarding libraries in hospitals. It was followed by a business meeting and election of officers. There was a bulletin board display of library aids and discussion of them. The spring meeting was held at Maybury Sanatorium in Northville. Dr. Frederick J. Margolis of Wayne State University showed films used in medical education and described how they were produced. A short business meeting followed in which a committee was appointed to recruit members to the Section.

Dudley Randall, *Chairman*

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

The Library Administration Section does not claim any spectacular achievements this first year of its existence, but it has undertaken the co-sponsorship of one of the general sessions of the MLA Conference in Detroit. Believing that handling of controversial materials is a problem facing all administrators, it was felt by your acting chairman that this is a subject, along with book selection policies, that could form the basis of a program in cooperation with the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Therefore, one of the general sessions will be devoted to this topic.

Before the annual meeting a general mailing will be made to all members of the section to determine what subjects or areas of interest the group wishes to explore, either in written articles or in special meetings. A meeting of the section is scheduled at the annual conference to elect officers and discuss the results of the questionnaire.

Homer R. Chance, *Chairman*

REFERENCE

The year 1960-61 was a busy one for the Reference Section of MLA. The fall business meeting, held Friday afternoon, October 21, 1960, was very well attended, and a lively discussion ensued. Interest was expressed in, such projects as rare books, a state union list of newspapers, and a survey of local history resources throughout the state. The membership of the section voted to meet separately for its spring meeting.

Also at the 1960 annual conference the Reference Section sponsored the fifth general session. This session consisted of a panel discussion on the State Plan for Library Service. Richard Chapin, Director of Libraries, Michigan State University, presided over a lively and interesting panel of librarians and laymen who discussed the service areas aspect of the State Plan for Library Service.

The spring meeting of the Reference Section was held in Saginaw at the public library on May 17. Donald Leatherman, section chairman, presided over the meeting. A good number turned out for the meeting sponsored singly by the Reference Section. An attraction of the meeting were tours of the new addition to the building.

The program was divided into three parts. During the morning session a committee headed by Reference Section, Vice Chairman, Miss Agnes Tysse was formed to compile a Union List of Newspapers for Michigan. Mr. Tanner, Director of the Saginaw Libraries, reported on the proposed library legislation and its possible effect on regional library support.

During the noon luncheon held at a nearby church Miss Katherine Harris of Detroit spoke on "The Program of the Reference Services Division and Its Relation to the Program of the Reference Section of MLA."

The afternoon session was the highpoint of the day with a panel discussion. The subject was "Implications of the Cataloging Rules Changes." The three member panel was composed of Richard Chapin, Barbara Westby, and Frederick O'Hara. The panel was well received while a stimulating question period followed.

Don Leatherman, *Chairman*

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S

Once again the activities of the Section have been carried on by three institutes. This year a *first* Joint Spring Conference was held with the Michigan Association of School Librarians, at the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor on April 21st and 22nd. This took the place of the Spring Institute sponsored each year by this Section. The general theme was "Libraries in a Changing Society", dealing particularly with Asia and Africa. Over 500 librarians who work with children and young people attended. Speeches were given by Dr. Edwin Waugh, Professor of Political Science at Eastern Michigan University; Mr. Joseph Krumgold, twice Newbery medal winner; and Miss Louise Rees, Head of the Consultant Division, Michigan State Library.

Group meetings were held both days. Friday meetings were devoted to "Materials", while Saturday groups discussed "Libraries and their role in the Changing Society". Excellent bibliographies dealing with materials on Africa and Asia were given to all participants. It was the opinion of the majority, that another such conference should be held sometime in the future.

The Chairman attended the annual conference of the American Library Association which was held in Cleveland in July. As usual, the Newbery-Caldecott dinner was a highlight. I also worked in the Children's Services Division booth, and represented the Section at the State Assembly breakfast, sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians. "Common Problems, Yours, Mine and Everyone's" is the theme chosen for the School Library Institute to be held at the MEA Camp, St. Mary's Lake on September 22nd and 23rd, 1961. Mr. Edwin Richardson of Kalamazoo is the chairman, assisted by a committee of seven persons. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, Supervisor of Public School Libraries at Raleigh, North Carolina. There will be a storytelling session, book talks and discussion of school library standards, present and future. Exhibits will also be a feature of this institute.

The Central Michigan Teacher-Librarian Conference is to be held at the Roscommon Conservation School on October 6th and 7th, 1961. A distinguished Michigan author, Mrs. Iola Fuller McCoy will speak to the group. There will also be a talk on new books and tips on handling pamphlets, phonograph records and pictures.

The annual MLA conference will be held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Detroit, November 1-4, 1961; Miss Marian Young, Detroit Public Library and Miss Marian Kellogg, Detroit Public Schools are co-chairmen. There will be a section luncheon on Friday, November 3rd with Dr. Dora V. Smith, formerly professor at the University of Minnesota, as the speaker. We have also been asked to sponsor the conference luncheon on Saturday, and the speaker will be Arna Bontemps. A breakfast and business meeting will be held on Saturday morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Michigan Authors and Illustrators Committee—Virginia Albright, Chairman with the generous cooperation of the University of Michigan and the Michigan State Library, the speakers directory of Michigan authors and illustrators has been made available to interested librarians. The University of Michigan has printed the lists and single copies are available on request from the State Library.

The list was completed in time for distribution at MLA in Lansing and copies have been mailed to each author and illustrator included. Since completing the rather intensive canvass of the state, the committee has continued its efforts to find additional speakers and has added several names. As for plans and recommendations, it might be helpful to future committee members if librarians who obtained speakers on the list were encouraged to give their comments.

A new committee was formed this year, namely *State Plan Committee of the School and Children's Section*. Mrs. Virginia Albright of the East Lansing Public Library is the chairman, with four committee members. Committee work will probably get underway in September.

The *Nominating Committee* was headed by Frances E. Whitehead. Several recommendations have been made by this committee, and are included here.

- (1) That a revised regional list be made, supplementing the present alphabetical section membership list.
- (2) That the membership list, on cards, list position, e.g. Children's Librarian; Director, County Library. At present the only intimation is for Schools. That Miss, Mrs., or Mr., be indicated, and in what capacity the person has served, committees, etc.
- (3) That the alphabetical list be numbered to facilitate the ordering of the double postcards for mailed ballot and other mailed notices. Unless we continue the stickers for section membership, which are arranged for ready counting.

The committee feels that "interest, activity in the field" and the holding of office is a debatable prerequisite and should be clarified.

If "Young Peoples" or "Young Adults" Librarians are to be members of this section, should they not be eligible for office?

The committee is of the opinion that eligibility for membership should coincide with eligibility for office.

The Five-Year Evaluation Committee—Miss Hazel Brown, Chairman—adopted a program entitled *Circles of Information* which took place at the annual MLA Conference in October, 1960 at Lansing. The results of the findings and the recommendations were mimeographed and distributed to the membership at the Joint Meeting held in Ann Arbor in April. One recommendation was that the School and Children's Section be renamed to Children's and Young Adults' Section. A letter was sent to the entire membership for a mail vote, and the majority voted for the proposed name. However, there were a few letters of protest, and the Board agreed that some points needed clarification. This matter will be presented to the membership at the MLA Annual Conference in Detroit this November.

The Public Relations Committee with Mrs. Beatrice Katz as Chairman has held two meetings so far this year. They have decided to concentrate on "improving working relations between school and public libraries". They plan another meeting this fall.

The Constitution Committee had for its chairman, Mrs. Beulah Bock of the Lansing Public Library. This committee made some suggested revisions in the Section's constitution. No drastic changes needed to be made at this time. Those suggested are, for the most part, only for clarification purposes.

Miss Laura B. Long, chairman of *The Joint Committee for School Library Development* has been an unusually active one, and has a fine record of achievement. The Committee prepared a "Statement of Background, Purpose and Function" which has been approved by the Executive Boards of the member organizations. Another noteworthy piece of work was the preparation of a statement concerning school library-public library relationships with a bibliography for further reference. The Section sponsored the cost of reprints of Mrs. Mary Ann Hanna's article "Michigan School Libraries and the National Defense Education Act" which was published in the March, 1961 issue of the Michigan Librarian. Mailing costs were also sponsored by the Section. Miss Laura Long has accepted responsibility for preparing a list of bibliographies concerned with modern foreign languages.

Josephine B. Mitchell, *Chairman*

TECHNICAL SERVICES

As the result of one of the Circles of Information sponsored by the Section at the 1960 annual conference a committee to study cost accounting for libraries was approved at the Section's board meeting in November. Composed of Eudocia Stratton, Jackson County, Chairman, Elisabeth Von Oettingen, Grand Haven Public, Clarence Weaver, Grand Rapids Public, Arthur Yabroff, Detroit Public, the committee plans to report to the membership at the 1961 Conference. Following discussion and further study it is hoped that a simple manual of instructions on cost accounting will be the end result.

On May 6, 1961 the College and Technical Services Sections participated in a joint meeting with the Northern Ohio Technical Service Librarians held in the Lucas County Library, Maumee, Ohio. About fifty Michigan librarians joined an

equal number of Ohio librarians for the day. Mrs. Mary L. Eckford, Administrator, Library Service Center of Eastern Ohio at Barnesville, spoke at the morning meeting on "Centralized acquisition, Cataloging and Processing". A lively discussion followed her presentation. After luncheon Dr. Willis Dunbar, head of the History Department, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, introduced the topic for the afternoon program—"Local History Collections in the Library". A long time member of the Michigan Historical Commission, Dr. Dunbar stressed the need for both the present and the future in preserving historical materials and pointed out that the scope and the type of the collection should be defined so that there would not be competition or overlapping with other agencies in acquiring materials. Dr. Jesse Shera, Dean of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, and James Babcock of the Burton Historical Collections, Detroit, led discussion groups on the practical aspects of acquiring, housing, arranging, cataloging and loaning local materials. At the end of the day it was agreed that the joint venture was worthwhile and should be tried again in a few years.

The Section will also participate in the Fall Conference by joining the College Section for a luncheon meeting on Friday at which Richard Harwell will be the speaker.

Hazel M. DeMeyer, *Chairman*

TRUSTEE

Nationally, the Trustees have gained recognition by having gained Divisional status in the American Library Association.

In Michigan, the second annual Trustee Conference and workshop gained in number, and seeming active participation, over that of the year before.

District meetings were well attended by trustees in some cases, while a few were well represented by members of the Trustee Section than usual.

Trustee membership in the MIA appears to have lost some ground, at present writing. There is hopes that the November conference will bring it up to that of last year, or better.

The American Library Association, The Michigan Library Association, the State Board for Libraries, the Michigan State Library, professional librarians and many trustees who have come to realize the importance of their jobs; have tried in many ways to "put across" to ALL trustees, just how much the success of his library and all libraries depends upon the interested and active support he gives to the cause of good libraries.

The American Library Trustees Association (A Division of the ALA) brought forth at the Cleveland Conference in July a "Model" manual for library trustees, which will be used as the basis for a new Michigan Trustee Manual, by the committee appointed for that purpose. This handbook, "to guide and improve the standards of trustee service, and thus, library service".

No one seemed to quarrel with the MLA watchword for 1961; "Michigan Needs Good Library Laws". The apathy of the voters on Con-Con delegates would indicate, however, that trustees must be appraised of the part they must play in contacting their representatives at the constitutional convention with good ideas for good library laws.

This, my second-and last-year as Trustee Chairman, leaves me with many tasks undone. The honor was gratefully accepted to serve, and many were the plans in mind to bring big things to the Section. With much help from everyone requested to serve and all officers of the MLA, as well as the State Library personnel, it is hoped that I have kept the flame alive, even though I did not "Light One Little Candle".

Will see you at Detroit Nov. 1st "TRUSTEES' DAY" and personally thank you.

Kenneth U. Blass, *Chairman*

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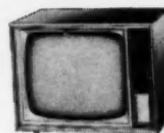
Several very important issues are to be discussed, and we hope settled at the M.L.A. Conference BUSINESS MEETING of the School and Children's Section on Saturday morning, November 4th, 1961. Breakfast at 8:30 with business immediately following.

The Section needs the support of every member, and your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Josephine B. Mitchell
Chairman
School and Children's Section



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Saturday morning's Conference program, Nov. 4, is to indicate possibilities of use of the proposed state television distribution system and what this use may mean to librarians and library operations. The background and information leading to a proposed state television system is the result of a study conducted by Dr. James Tintera in the 1960-61 year. The first half hour of this presentation will be a description of the proposed state TV distribution system, its costs and its technical operation. Aiding in this presentation will be a television camera located in the Wayne Room distributing a picture to the conferees by closed circuit television. The next portion of the presentation will emanate from the Detroit Public Library, main branch. Demonstrations by librarians from the Detroit Public Library will include Book Selection, A Demonstration of Library Materials and a portion on Latest Developments in Library Operations (all by TV). The latest part of the program will bring together the Wayne Room and the Detroit Public Library. Reference questions will be posed in the Wayne Room and material received by TV in response to these requests from the archives of the Detroit Public Library. This demonstration will mirror,

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The **LIBRARY** in a **CHANGING SOCIETY**

(Address given at the joint spring meeting of the School & Children's Section, MLA & The Michigan Association of School Librarians)

Instead of talking primarily about the place of libraries in a changing society, I am going to talk about the place of the librarian and his library in a changing society. And I'm going to narrow the field a bit by talking only about librarians and libraries serving children and young people—not about all libraries serving all people.

THESE ARE BASIC BELIEFS

So that you will have no doubt about where I stand, I'd like, at the beginning, to state half a dozen of my basic beliefs. Then I'd like to amplify each a bit, and finally, tell you some of the things I wish we could do about these beliefs and the problems which they raise. Being an extension worker, you'll know that I have to *do* something about it, and could never be content just to make

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theoretical statements set in a philosophical framework.

1. I believe that we librarians, working with boys and girls and young people, are educators first of all and that the library is, first and foremost, an educational institution.

2. I believe that we must recognize and be willing to accept the responsibility of acting as catalysts or change agents—with great power—frightening power—to change the lives and actions of individuals through our own actions and through the materials in our libraries.

3. I believe that we are again pioneers—pioneers of a space age—pioneers indeed on a New Frontier (with no partisan politics intended) and that each of us must bear the responsibility for doing his share in that pioneering.

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to our concepts of the dignity and worth of the individual—and show the boys and girls in our libraries by our unfailing attitude toward them that we believe in them and acknowledge them as individuals, not just as parts of a class, or "one of the 10 year old group." How can we expect youngsters to grow up believing in the worth of every individual, as an individual, unless we show clearly that we, the adults, and the "power people" feel that way, too?

5. I believe that the major improvements in library services for young people and adults in this changing age must come through the *librarian* not through improved budgets and buildings, important though they are. We have leaned too long on that crutch!

6. Finally, I believe that there are some positive steps we can take—each one of us—to improve ourselves and our libraries—and that we'd jolly well better take them, or we'll not deserve the proud name — librarian — that we wear.

Now let me go back and amplify these statements.

THE LIBRARY IS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

1. The library is an educational institution and the librarian is first of all an educator. Young people especially are likely to be uncertain in these days of shifting values. For them the library can act as a stabilizing, steady force—a sort of centripetal balance against the centrifugal forces which tend to pull our world apart. In the books in your library they find a sense of history, a continuity which binds them to the past and leads them toward the future. Past is indeed prologue and boys and girls, through books, find a sense of belonging to a time, to a period, to a place. This is an important thing for our boys and girls to feel. They need to find their places, in relation to all of those who have gone before as well as all those whom they hope will come after. William Silverman, of the Cleveland News, explains it this way:

"If one should ask me which is the greatest wonder of the world, I would choose neither the pyramids of Egypt nor the splitting of the Atom. Instead, quite proudly, as though I myself had discovered this, I would reply the public library. For it is all things to all men. To me, this

is truly the greatest wonder. For beneath its sheltering roof, is the distillate of everything man has learned since the beginning of his existence. Here, each in its cloister and cataloged in a most amazing way are all the questions and answers mankind is capable of asking and finding. This is where the blind can see, where the deaf may hear, and where the mute can speak. This is where the old grow young and the young gain the wisdom of the ages. This is the only place man has ever found where the Greek words Alpha and Omega assume their literal meaning. For wisdom, indeed, is the beginning and end of all human experience."

The great and constant need of every human being—is a feeling of certitude. When the forces of change are as active as they are today, we have special need for the support that comes from the basic trends that underlie the superficiality of day to day events.

THE TRAINED MIND — THE GREAT SECRET WEAPON

As a force for education, the library is assuming greater and greater importance. The educational level is rising and will continue to rise. But as men learn more, so they want to learn still more. No college, no university, no formal education, can tell a man all he wants or needs to know. Once his mind has been opened to the excitement and to the wonder of learning, he needs to keep on by himself, at his own pace and in his own way. This is the place where the library shines. And as our boys and girls learn to use the library and learn to work with the materials there, we must try to see that they become responsible and well informed. For the trained mind is certainly the great secret weapon of the free world; and in our world of change, may be one of the few possessions a young person may be sure of. The person whose mind is strong and tough and resilient and full of facts is a person who has something that nobody can really take away from him.

Our boys and girls are steadily becoming more knowledgeable. Mass communication methods are bringing ideas and knowledge to them in a never-ceasing stream. Material that 10, even 5 years ago, would have been read only by high school students is eagerly gobbled up by junior high or even grade

school boys and girls. "Teenaged romances," so called, now belong only to the very young teens, or even below. Because they travel so much more, and see the world on television, their interests in many cases are much broader—much more far reaching than they have ever been before. We must meet these new interests with material which will stimulate the imagination, give sound information and contribute to the development of our future citizens. This is nothing new to any of you, but it needs to be repeated once again.

THE LIBRARY AS A CATALYST

2. The library acts as a catalyst. Our library shelves are full of volumes which tell how a book, or a passage from a book found in a library changed the life of a reader. The teachable moment is a previous thing, which does not always arrive on schedule when the learner is safely under the teacher's eye, in a formal class. It is far more likely to come as a young reader, by himself in a quiet corner, reflects on something he has just read and says to himself with rising excitement, "Why, if that is true, then this also *must* be true!" and is away on a whole new train of thought. Here the book acts as a change agent. Or let's take another example—the boy who brings that wriggling snake, or very dead squirrel into the library and spends an absorbing half hour in identifying the animal. It may be a casual reference inquiry, never repeated. However, it may also be the beginning of a lifelong interest in science, which came about because of a library and a good librarian. Thus the good library and the librarian act as a catalyst for many boys and girls. This is an important function—and one which we have too little considered. To change attitudes, to change ideas, to help a young person to catch a glimpse of a whole new world is worth any number of hours of just "keeping shop."

LIBRARIANSHIP IS A DANGEROUS PROFESSION

3. Libraries and librarians are again pioneers. We are all, in a sense, pioneers. I'm tired of hearing about librarianship as a "safe" profession. It's a dangerous profession: dangerous because librarians deal in ideas, the most explosive force in the world; dangerous

because it is a constantly changing profession—struggling always not only to keep up, but to move ahead; dangerous because in the struggle to keep ahead librarians must themselves be in the vanguard, moving into unmapped territories, finding new horizons, helping to build solid communities.

The basic fear of change, which each of us harbors, deep-down inside, accelerates our resentment of science and all the too-fast-advancing marvels of our days, and makes us yearn for a return to the simplicity of earlier years. But change is irreversible, although not automatic. We need to learn to adjust to change just as the bicycle rider learns, with countless delicate adjustments, to meet the impact of a hundred small bumps, or the surf board rider learns to balance on the ceaseless flow and motion of the water. It is a simple condition of being, and need not be a frustrating experience unless we will it to be so.

People who understand change, and accept it, and adapt themselves effectively to it are one of the world's most crucial shortages. Librarians need to help alleviate that shortage, and in alleviating it we will move into new worlds—move into our own new inheritance.

THE INDIVIDUAL IS IMPORTANT

4. The dignity and worth of the individual must never be overlooked. To lose sight of the individual is, in the end, to lose the program—since people make the program. In this age of specialization we sometimes forget that by getting things done people do things to themselves. Marie Rasey puts it another way, "The creator creates, and is himself created." The individual remains at the bottom of all of our organizational structures and only as he is strong, is the organization strong.

Dr. Waugh talked about the individual in different terms—"We have barricaded our minds against the fact that one member of the human race, as a member of that race is the same, anywhere on earth."

The library is one of the few places left where the unregimented approach is routine. As populations grow and educational levels rise and more and more children and young people use our libraries we must resist the pressure to line all the youngsters up, so to speak.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LIBRARIAN

5. The importance of the librarian. Fine buildings, adequate budgets, ample staff—these are the dreams of most of us. If only we had a decent library room, we say, or if only our book budget were larger; if only we had the newest model of charging equipment; if only we could buy this and this and this—if only—

But what have we as librarians done with what we have?

Have we deep convictions about what we are doing, and are we willing to stand up and be counted on issues which affect our libraries and our communities?

Bonaro Overstreet has a little verse which is a favorite of mine:

"You say the little efforts that I make will do no good;
They never will prevail to tip the

hovering scale
Where Justice hangs in balance.
I don't think I ever thought they
would
But I am prejudiced beyond debate
in favor of my right to choose
which side
Shall feel the stubborn ounces of
my weight."

Metaphorically speaking, the "stubborn ounces of our weight" need to be felt for the things we really believe in, and to promote the clearly outlined objectives by which we should run our libraries.

We librarians need to move ahead, learning, just as boys and girls learn, testing new devices, finding challenge and opportunity in new knowledge, lest we retreat into the innocuous mediocrity that is one of the curses of our organization age.

George Russell Harrison in his excellent books, *What Man May Be*, a *Human Approach to Science*, tells us that man can expect to become evermore curious, more aesthetically stimulated,

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and can be expected to become evermore interested in the outer world as well as the inner world of the mind and spirit.

WHAT DO WE DO?

6. So what do we librarians need to do about all of this?

First of all, we must stop being afraid of change. We must realize that change will come and that we cannot turn back the hands of the clock and, like Canute, have no power over the restless, incoming tide. So, let us greet change, examine it, and use it constructively and creatively. How much do you *really* know about, let us say, the new photographic reproductive processes, airborne television and its implications for your library, or microcards reproduction as a space saver?

And almost as a corollary of this, we must keep an open, lively and inquiring mind. As we want our libraries to continue to be places where true learning and true education takes place, so we ourselves must continue to learn. "Wildwood ale" said the little old lady, "and what's that made of?" "Cobweb and dill and rainwater gathered fresh at the dawning," replied the little old man, "with a pink rose petal to float on the top and the though of a dream to flavor it with." Well then, pour me a draft, for I'll not have it said I travelled the whole world over and back again, with tea for my only drink" said she. "For 'tis a new thing that keeps the mind nimble, wherever it may be found!"

Try out at least one new idea each week. It may not be world shaking, but it will "keep the mind nimble," surely. Examine *all* of your routines and ruthlessly throw out those time-consuming outworn ones that you repeat from habit, not necessity. How long has it been since you walked into your library and looked at it as a stranger would—really looked at *all* of it? Try it sometime—it's a humbling experience, believe me.

WE NEED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

As librarians working with young people we need to help them grow and develop by providing the very best materials in the very widest variety we can. It's an old story, but an increasingly important one, as books, films, recordings and all the other materials of communication threaten to inundate us by their very numbers. It takes constant

watchfulness, resourceful and dedicated selection and firm discarding of unworthy items, no matter how tempting the "package" in which they are placed. In the February 1961 Hornbook, there is an editorial called "enlarge the Village," which many of you may have read. In part it read:

"Carl Van Doren, in describing his childhood in Hope, Illinois, once said, 'Books were for us like stars, all apparently the same distance away, yet some brighter than others. Reading was simply experience otherwise denied us. We traveled without leaving Hope—when later we did leave, life was not so strange as we expected. Books had enlarged the village.'

"We should not allow our children to grow up without any view beyond their front yards, whether they live in a small Indiana town, in New York City, in Atlanta, Seattle, Honolulu, or Juneau. Contentment with one's small corner can so easily become complacency today that it is no longer a virtue: not when we need to understand other people's struggles for national integrity or to fulfill themselves as individuals; not when in a world rich with undeveloped resources people still starve; not when the developments of science are racing beyond comprehension and mere human survival is in jeopardy. In spite of all that is available to children which should open doors on the world, the doors stay closed for far too many. The 'village' remains snug—and small."

IN SUMMARY

In summary, then, the library in a changing society is first of all an educational institution and the librarian is an educator who must be willing to accept the responsibility of his library as a change agent, who must pioneer creatively in this space age, a person who lives dangerously among ideas, and who is willing to stand up and be counted. The library must never succumb to mass pressures but must remain the stronghold of the individual, for whom material of all kinds must be provided.

The library must test and use those of the new electronic and other wonders of this age applicable to it. Change for the sake of change, never—but change always, when it fits into clearly defined objectives.

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